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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: FONMIN LARAKI'S COMMENTS

1. DURING MY CALL JANUARY 15, FONMIN LARAKI COMMENTED IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY THAT HE HAD NOTHING VERY NEW TO TELL ME ON SAHARA ISSUE. THERE WAS NO REAL DIALOGUE GOING ON BETWEEN MOROCCO AND SPAIN, EXCEPT "DIALOGUE OF THE DEAF," HE QUIPPED. ALL THAT MOROCCANS HAD ON SPANISH POSITION WAS FONMIN CORTINA'S "GENERALITIES" AT YEAR'S END.

2. SPAIN TOOK POSITION THAT MOROCCO HAD NO RIGHT TO TALK ABOUT SAHARA, LARAKI WENT ON. SPAIN INSTEAD DESIRED A "GLOBAL" FRAMEWORK FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH MOROCCO. GOM HAD TRIED TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT SUCH A FRAMEWORK MIGHT ENTAIL, BUT SPANIARDS HAD NOT SPELLED THIS OUT.

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3. LARAKI EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT ICJ ADVISORY OPINION WOULD ESTABLISH MOROCCO'S HISTORIC LINK WITH SAHARA. THIS WOULD DEPRIVE SPAIN OF EXCUSE FOR NOT DISCUSSING ISSUE WITH MOROCCO, LARAKI ASSERTED.

4. LARAKI CONFIDED THAT MOROCCO HAD INVITED FRANCO'S DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW FOR HUNTING IN FEBRUARY. IF THEY CAME, PERHAPS THIS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO MOROCCAN-SPANISH DIALOGUE, LARAKI CONCLUDED.

5. COMMENT: MOROCCAN INVITATION TO FRANCO'S DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW, FOLLOWING KING'S RECEIVING COUNT OF BARCELONA (RABAT 121), IS ONE MORE INDICATION OF STRONG MOROCCAN DESIRE TO STIMULATE MOROCCAN-SPANISH DIALOGUE. ALTHOUGH MOROCCANS PREFER TO DISCUSS SAHARA AS SEPARATE ISSUE, LARAKI'S REMARKS REFLECT INTEREST IN AT LEAST HEARING WHAT SPANIARDS MIGHT HAVE IN MIND BY WAY OF A "GLOBLA" FRAMEWORK FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. NEUMANN

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